July	18.20
August	18.09
September	17.64
October	17.53..
November	18.96
December	21.13
January	21.72
February	20.01
March	21.76
TOTAL:	229.47

(b) No, Sir. Cumulatively Railways have loaded 0.37 million tonnes more upto end of June, compared to corresponding period last year.

(c) Despite the reasons like Ports strike upto 13/4/84, law and order situation in Punjab, Bhiwandi riots in Bombay area, strikes in coal-fields and oil industry, less offer of traffic by core sector, cumulative loading was more for the period April to June, 1984 as compared to corresponding period last year by 0.37 million tonnes.

(d) A regular exercise is always made to step up core sector traffic and attract more traffic for rail loading by way of close liaison with industry/ user Departments, quotation of station to station rates etc.

Adverse consequences of drugs

367. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the publication of the Information Department of the United Nations Organisation cautioning against adverse consequences of many commonly used drugs though they help to achieve the immediate objective of controlling diseases;

(b) whether Government have taken note of the adverse effects of such drugs, particularly the psychomopic drugs or mood inducing drugs; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are contemplated to be taken by Government to contain the use of such drugs?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) This Ministry is not aware of any such publications of the Information Department of the United Nations Organisation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Sale of alcoholic drinks on the trains

368. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is sale of alcoholic drinks in trains and railway premises;

(b) what efforts have been made to eradicate sale of liquor in railway premises and trains;

(c) whether it is also a fact that railway employees are involved in the sale of liquor in trains and railway premises; and

(d) what measures are proposed to be taken to ensure that there is no sale of liquor in railway premises and trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) to (d) Some cases of unauthorised sale and consumption of alcoholic drinks in trains and station premises have come to notice. No railway staff has been found involved in these cases.

Consumption of alcoholic drinks is prohibited in 2-tier AC Sleeper Coaches, Air Conditioned Chair Cars, First Class Chair Cars and all Second Class Compartments. In First Class and First Class AC Compartments the following notice has been displayed:

"Please do not consume alcoholic drinks in compartment as a consideration to the fellow passengers."

Persons found in a state of intoxication in any railway carriage or on any part of railway are liable to be punished under Section 120 of Indian Railways Act.

Train Conductors, Guards, Travelling Ticket Examiners, ticket checking staff, Coach Attendants etc. have been instructed to ensure enforcement of these instructions. Intensive checks and surprise inspections are also being carried out to ensure compliance. Whenever violation of the law and instructions of the administration have been noticed, strict action has been taken and prosecution has been launched against the guilty.

Utilisation of waters ..

369. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state whether Government propose to set up high-powered body to study the utilisation of waters in the country in order to control floods as well as frequent droughts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): Studies for harnessing the water resources for controlling floods as also droughts are largely carried out by the State Governments, and the Central agencies.

The National Water Development Agency set up under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Irrigation is carrying out studies on the peninsular component of the National perspective plan for creation of optimum storages and interlinking various river systems. to provide irrigation, flood control and hydro power benefits. Further, National Water Resources Council has been set up under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister to guide/advise water resources development at the national level.

Vanaspati scarcity in the country

370. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scarcity of vanaspati is continuing in some parts of the country despite a hike in its prices;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the manner in which Government obviate chances of animal fats being used in the production of vanaspati?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (b) Sporadic report of shortages are brought to the notice of the industry for rushing supplies to the affected areas. In May and June, there were some localised shortages due to higher demand for marriage season and erratic supplies of imported oil.

(c) The printing of names of oils used in the manufacture of vanaspati has been made statutory with effect from December, 1983. Samples are also drawn by officers of the Directorate of Vanaspati and tested in their own laboratory regularly and by surprise, for detection of non-permitted oil including animal fats, if any, and taking further action against defaulters.

Loss suffered by N. Railway due to Punjab agitation

371. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: what is the estimated loss that the Northern Railway suffered because of terrorist violence in Punjab which led to the suspension of the Railway traffic in Punjab and the neighbouring State?